

## IOWA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

**August 4, 2008**

The Transportation Committee met in the Highway Department Conference Room in the City of Dodgeville on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Larry Steffes.

Roll call was taken:

Committee members present: Sups. Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Gerald Dorscheid, Mark Masters, John Meyers, Larry Steffes, and Brad Wells.

Committee members excused/absent: Sups. Ron Berg and Dave Bauer.

Also present: Sup. Eric Anderson, County Administrator Randy Terronez, Highway Commissioner Leo Klosterman, Office Administrator Jeri Grabbert, Supt. Randy Sudmeier, AFSCME Highway staff representative Thor Backus, Don Hittesdorf and Keith Buckingham.

Sup. Bob Bunker moved that the meeting had been duly advertised. Seconded by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid. Motion passed unanimously.

Sup. Ron Benish moved for approval of the August 4, 2008 agenda and June 30, 2008 minutes. Motion was seconded by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid. Motion passed unanimously.

General Public/Member Comment: Sup. Ron Benish commented on policy of employee conference expenses and it was suggested that this issue be taken to the Administrative Services Committee. Sup. Gerald Dorscheid commented on his bike tour that took him through the Wisconsin Dells-Lake Delton area and distributed pictures of flood damage.

**Highway Commissioner Report:** Leo Klosterman reviewed the following items with the Committee:

1. The State Dept. of Commerce fuel inspector made a visit and resulted in the need to undertake a soil study which will be addressed later in the agenda.
2. The 2008 seal coating project is nearly complete with approximately 45 miles completed. Roads YZ and ZZ have been wedged and will be scheduled for seal coating on or about August 26. Due to extent of seal

- coating and other projects on-line, hired Sauk County and Grant County Highway personnel/equipment.
3. The areas impacted by flooding are passable and repair work continues.
  4. The cold-in-place project approved at the last month's meeting has hit a snag. The contractor's oil supplier is going out of business. In the event the project cannot be undertaken, the County may have to pulverize the road. It was noted that the project was bonded.
  5. Staff updates include the retirement of Tom Ryan (assistant Asphalt Plant Operator). Another retirement is expected on or about October 9. The Department is working with Personnel to advertise, etc.
  6. FEMA has not yet undertaken the on-site inspection of flood damaged county infrastructure.
  7. Several unused items have been sold at auction including an engine stand (department paid \$2,000 and sold for \$1,600); crane/cherry picker.
  8. Reported on culvert replacement in the Rewey area/Highway G.
  9. Reported that the State awarded the department a \$100,000 center-line painting project.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- 1) Bid Proposal: Contracted work for services for a diesel subsurface (fuel spill) investigation.

Leo Klosterman reviewed background. Many years ago, the County used to have a fuel tanker truck and an overhead fuel dispensing system was in use at the time. The department was in the process of disconnecting the overhead equipment and was instructed by the DNR to use a licensed contractor. The contractor was required to conduct a soils analysis. The soils analysis discovered fuel residue that requires a more in-depth investigation. Two quotes to undertake a fuel spill soils investigation were obtained and copies distributed. MSA quoted \$3,775 and METCO quoted a base quote of \$1,960 with an additional \$708 if two additional borings required.

Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, seconded by Sup. John Myers to award the diesel subsurface investigation study to METCO in the base amount of \$1,960 with an additional \$708 if two additional borings required. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2) Update on Highway Commissioner Recruitment: Randy Terronez noted a total of ten applications were received. Four applicants met the criteria for interview. Reasons for the low number can be attributed to the salary level. A tentative interview date of Friday, August 15 was selected (at

approximately 8:30 a.m.). Instead of having two separate interview panels, there will be only one. In addition to available Transportation Committee members, Sheriff Steve Michek, DOT area supervisor Chris Ohm, Jefferson County Highway Commissioner Bill Kern, Towns Association representative John Hess and Personnel Director Bud Trader will be participating in the interviews. Sup. Mark Masters reminded Committee members that the interviews are advisory only and that County Administrator Randy Terronez makes the selection.

Motion by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid, seconded by Sup. John Myers to schedule a special Transportation Committee meeting for Friday, August 15 to interview prospective Highway Commissioner applicants. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3) The Transportation Committee entertained a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1) (c) WI Statutes for considering employment, promotion, compensation and performance evaluation data of any public employment over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Grievance Hearing - Overtime).

Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, seconded by Sup. Bob Bunker to proceed into closed session at 6:39 p.m. Motion passed unanimously 7 Yes (Sups. Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Gerald Dorscheid, Mark Masters, John Meyers, Larry Steffes, and Brad Wells,) 0 No. Excused/Absent: Sups. Ron Berg and Dave Bauer. Sup. Eric Anderson, Randy Terronez, Leo Klosterman, Jeri Grabbert, Randy Sudmeier, ASFCME Staff representative Thor Backus, Don Hittesdorf and Keith Buckingham were also present in the closed session.

- 4) Return to Open Session. Motion by Sup. John Meyers, seconded by Sup. Ron Benish to return to open session at 7:31 p.m. Motion passed unanimously 7 Yes (Sups. Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Gerald Dorscheid, Mark Masters, John Meyers, Larry Steffes, and Brad Wells) 0 No. Excused/Absent: Sups. Ron Berg and Dave Bauer.

Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, seconded by Sup. Brad Wells to deny the Hittesdorf Overtime Grievance. Motion passed unanimously.

- 5) Other: Randy Terronez informed Committee of need to schedule special committee meetings to review the 2009 budgets. The 1<sup>st</sup> will be scheduled in late August with additional sessions in September.

The County Administrator's Annual Performance Evaluation has been distributed and needs to be returned by Wednesday, August 13 to Board Chair Mark Masters.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is set for Monday, September 8, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. (Note – due to the Labor Day Holiday, the meeting will be held one week later than normal.)

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid, seconded by Sup. Brad Wells. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Minutes by Randy Terronez